

Initial Claims - January 2004

There were 10,690 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in January 2004; representing a decrease of 2,486 (18.9%) from in January 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 153 in January 2004.

Claims filed due to a total lack of work identified through our Mass Layoff Statistics Program numbered 10,920. There were 114 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. Each action involved at least twelve layoffs from a single firm. The number of firms involved totaled 3,934.

January Initial Claims By Major Industry Division		
Industry	Claims	Percent
Total, All Industries	10,920	100.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	452	4.1%
Mining	43	0.4%
Construction	2,091	19.1%
Manufacturing	2,210	20.2%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	633	5.8%
Wholesale Trade	314	2.9%
Retail Trade	1,526	14.0%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	242	2.2%
Services	1,834	16.8%
Government	139	1.3%
Not Classified	1,436	13.2%

Employees in the Manufacturing sector filed 2,210 initial claims accounting for 20.2 percent of the initial claims filed in January. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries which includes Jewelry, Toy and Pen Manufacturing accounted for 763 claims representing 7.0% of all layoffs during this time period. Fabricated Metal Products reported 301 claims which equal 2.8% of total claims. The majority of layoffs in this sector were either seasonal layoffs or shut downs due to vacations.

Employees of Rhode Island Construction companies filed a total of 2,091 initial claims in January. These claims, accounting for 19.1 percent of the claims. Within the Construction sector Special Trade Contractors reported the most layoffs (1,321), followed by General Contractors (428), and Building Construction (342). Last January there were 1,029 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the construction sector.

Rhode Island Service workers filed 2,091 initial claims representing 16.8 percent of the month's initial claims. Over 50 percent of the claims filed in this sector were from Business Services (520), Health Services (306), and Amusement and Recreation Services.

Initial claims filed by Retail Trade workers numbered 1,526 representing 14.0 percent of the initial claims filed during the month.

January 2004 Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total	10,920	100%
Agriculture	452	4.1%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	78	0.7%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	362	3.3%
08 Forestry	1	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	11	0.1%
Mining	43	0.4%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	43	0.4%
Construction	2,091	19.1%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	342	3.1%
16 Construction - General Contractors	428	3.9%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	1,321	12.1%
Manufacturing	2,210	20.2%
20 Food and Kindred Products	29	0.3%
22 Textile Mill Products	203	1.9%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	16	0.1%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	22	0.2%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	26	0.2%
26 Paper and Allied Products	69	0.6%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	67	0.6%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	37	0.3%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	9	0.1%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	35	0.3%
31 Leather and Leather Products	93	0.9%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	85	0.8%
33 Primary Metal Industries	104	1.0%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	301	2.8%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	69	0.6%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	98	0.9%
37 Transportation Equipment	143	1.3%
38 Instruments	41	0.4%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	763	7.0%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	633	5.8%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	328	3.0%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	179	1.6%
43 United States Postal Service	7	0.1%
44 Water Transportation	46	0.4%
45 Transportation by Air	14	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	21	0.2%
48 Communications	25	0.2%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	13	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	314	2.9%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	180	1.6%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	134	1.2%
Retail Trade	1,526	14.0%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	94	0.9%
53 General Merchandise Stores	102	0.9%
54 Food Stores	114	1.0%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	98	0.9%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	101	0.9%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	49	0.4%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	766	7.0%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	202	1.8%

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SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	242	2.2%
60 Depository Institutions	52	0.5%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	54	0.5%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	10	0.1%
63 Insurance Carriers	31	0.3%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	19	0.2%
65 Real Estate	72	0.7%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	4	0.0%
Services	1,834	16.8%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	109	1.0%
72 Personal Services	62	0.6%
73 Business Services	520	4.8%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	70	0.6%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	29	0.3%
78 Motion Pictures	4	0.0%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	207	1.9%
80 Health Services	306	2.8%
81 Legal Services	29	0.3%
82 Educational Services	79	0.7%
83 Social Services	164	1.5%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	64	0.6%
86 Membership Organizations	73	0.7%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	104	1.0%
88 Private Households	12	0.1%
89 Miscellaneous Services	2	0.0%
Government	139	1.3%
No Industry Assigned	1,436	13.2%